

The Honorable Richard A. Jones

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

ABDIQAFAR WAGAFE, *et al.*, on behalf of  
*himself and others similarly situated,*

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD TRUMP, President of the United  
States, *et al.*,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:17-cv-00094-RAJ

**DEFENDANTS' STATUS REPORT  
REGARDING MOTION TO AMEND  
PROTECTIVE ORDER (DKT. #309)**

We regret that Plaintiffs decided to file a one-sided report on the status of these negotiations, and we are disappointed to see Plaintiffs' slanted and incomplete telling of events. We have bargained in good faith over this matter throughout, and we have worked tirelessly to consult with multiple federal agencies whose equities may be affected by this motion. We did not, as plaintiffs have alleged, "move the goal posts" after reaching an agreement in principle this week. To the contrary, in the spirit of compromise, we conceded to everything Plaintiffs requested in their original motion with only slight modifications that would limit (but not eliminate) potential risks to national security and law enforcement investigations. As of a few hours ago, the only point of disagreement remaining between the parties concerned a relatively mechanical scheduling provision, which was intended to guarantee that we are given a complete list of plaintiffs' potential witnesses before we are required to select potential witnesses for deposition. We are disappointed that Plaintiffs did not

1 agree to this term or propose a workable alternative. Instead, Plaintiffs unexpectedly and  
2 inexplicably bailed out of the negotiation and filed their status report. Nevertheless, Defendants  
3 stand ready to meet with the Court, as well as continue negotiations to reach an agreement short of a  
4 hearing – something we were also prepared to do up until the filing deadline tonight.

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Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on June 12, 2020, I filed this document via the CM/ECF system, which will automatically send notice of such filing to all counsel of record.

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